

SPECIAL ACCESS TO THE COURT

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY

- A mechanical lift for wheelchairs or motorized scooters is located at the John Marshall Park entrance.
- Automatic doors for physically challenged individuals are located at the John Marshall Park and Third Street entrances.
- All public elevators are large enough to accommodate wheelchairs.

RESTROOMS

- Restrooms located on the west side of the building (the John Marshall Park side) on all floors are fully accessible and outfitted with proper door handles, grab bars, lowered sinks, appropriate plumbing fixtures, etc.
- There is a handicapped accessible restroom located in the jury lounge as well.

COURTROOMS

- Courtrooms are accessible to everyone. Accommodations are made on an as needed for physically challenged jurors, attorneys, litigants, defendants, and witnesses.

DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED

By mandate of the Judicial Conference, the Court will make reasonable accommodations to meet the needs of deaf or hearing impaired individuals who have matters before the Court. Arrangements may involve sign language interpretation, real time reporting of proceedings, or the use of listening assistive equipment.

- **Sign Language Interpretation:** Sign Language interpretation services may be provided for parties who have either civil or criminal matters before the Court. Arrangements should be made with a minimum of two weeks notice.
- **Real Time Reporting:** Real time reporting services may be provided for individuals not fluent/comfortable in any type of sign language, but who read English with ease.
- **Listening Assistive Equipment:** Most courtrooms now have a listening assistive channel as part of the courtroom sound system. Hard of hearing individuals appearing before the Court or serving on a jury need only make their needs known to appropriate

court personnel and headsets will be provided that allow them to control the volume of everything spoken over the sound system. Individuals who wear hearing aids may also request to be provided with a listening assistive loop which works in conjunction with their own hearing aid.

The Court also has portable equipment that can be set up in those courtrooms that have not been upgraded and provide individuals with special needs with the options described above.

SPOKEN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION SERVICES

By law, every non-English speaking defendant facing criminal charges in a federal court is entitled to interpretation services. There is a Spanish interpreter on staff at the courthouse at all times, and services in other languages are provided by contract interpreters.

Interpreting services requests should be made two weeks prior to the matter coming before the Court.

Questions related to interpreting services for spoken or sign languages should be directed to Teresa C. Salazar, Director of Interpreting Services/Staff Interpreter for Spanish, Room 1824, telephone (202) 354-3016.

SERVICIOS DE INTERPRETACION

Preguntas sobre los servicios de interpretación que ofrece el Tribunal deben dirigirse a Teresa Salazar, Directora de Servicios de Interpretación/Intérprete de Planta, en la oficina 1824 o, si prefiere, llamando al (202) 354-3016.